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Grizzlies will host Grizz Shop to support local businesses at FedExForum

MEMPHIS, Tenn., November 13, 2026 – The Memphis Grizzlies will host their annual Grizz Shop Local event, highlighting local business, on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Grand Lobby of FedExForum.

Hosted in-person for the sixth consecutive year, Grizz Shop Local will continue its support of small, minority and women-owned businesses during the holiday season. Born from an organization interest in providing support for small businesses locally, the shopping event will highlight more than three dozen local businesses while offering music from DJ Mic Tee and vendor giveaways to all shoppers with the first 500 shoppers receiving a re-usable shopping bag. Food trucks will be located outside on the Big River Steel Plaza.

The Kid's Zone Area, packed with fun-filled activities, will be open for all children attending Grizz Shop Local, and the Grizzlies Den will be open to the public, allowing shoppers the opportunity to purchase more Grizzlies gear for the season. New this year, Santa Clause will be walking around Grizz Shop Local, giving young shoppers the chance for a picture as we enter the holiday season.

Created during the pandemic in 2020 as a virtual experience in support of small businesses, the Grizzlies hosted the first in-person Grizz Shop Local event with 25 vendors in 2021. The team is now celebrating the event's seventh year, sixth in person, and has grown to include more than 40 small businesses.

Fans can get a sneak peek at the vendors available at Grizz Shop Local by visiting grizzlies.com/shoplocal. The businesses selected to participate at Grizz Shop Local have the opportunity to showcase their goods and services to the Memphis and Mid-South Community.

For more information on Grizz Shop Local, visit grizzlies.com/shoplocal, 'like' Grizz Community on Facebook or follow @grizzcommunity on Twitter/X and Instagram. Fans who want to support the Memphis Grizzlies and purchase 2026-27 season tickets, single game tickets or partial plans can do so now by going online to grizzlies.com/tickets. For single game tickets and more information on the Grizzlies, visit grizzlies.com, 'like' Memphis Grizzlies on Facebook or follow @memgrizz on Twitter/X and Instagram.

Harlem Globetrotters 100th Anniversary special set to premiere on Roku in 2027

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Roku Set to Premiere "Harlem Globetrotters 100th Anniversary" Special from Fulwell Entertainment's UNINTERRUPTED

Featuring archival footage and special guest interviews, the documentary-style feature is set to premiere in early 2027 on Roku

SAN JOSE, Calif. – Nov. 17, 2026 – Today, Roku and the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters announced "Harlem Globetrotters 100th Anniversary Special," a milestone production celebrating 100 years of the legendary team that forever transformed the world of sports and entertainment, in partnership with UNINTERRUPTED, a label of Fulwell Entertainment. The one-hour documentary-style special will feature archival footage and have exclusive behind-the-scenes access to former and current Harlem Globetrotter stars, who will share their unique experiences traveling the world, as well as NBA talent, comedians, and historians who will speak to what the team meant to America and beyond. "Harlem Globetrotters 100th Anniversary Special" is set to premiere early 2027 on Roku.

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"The Harlem Globetrotters pioneered the fusion of sports and entertainment, and after 100 years, they're still a true cultural institution," said Sean Boyle, Roku Originals. "We're thrilled to partner with the Harlem Globetrotters, LeBron James, Maverick Carter, and the UNINTERRUPTED team to explore this iconic legacy and the present-day influence of this special team."

"The legacy of the Harlem Globetrotters is special, and we are honored to bring it to life in this film celebrating the 100 years of excellence and joy they bring to the world of sports. Their impact on culture and the game of basketball is tremendous, and we are excited to partner with the Roku team to share this film widely," said Jamal Henderson of UNINTERRUPTED and executive producer of the film.

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For over a century, the Harlem Globetrotters combine jaw-dropping athleticism, larger-than-life personalities, and nonstop fun, having entertained more than 148 million fans across 123 countries and territories. Bringing a one-of-a-kind brand of basketball to generations of fans over the last 100 years, the Globetrotters have pioneered some of basketball's most iconic moves. Roku and UNINTERRUPTED celebrate this legacy that goes far beyond the game, presenting an inside look at the cultural phenomenon for the Harlem Globetrotters' 100th anniversary.

The special is executive produced by LeBron James, Maverick Carter, Gabe Turner, Ri-Karlo Handy, Christopher Dillon, Jamal Henderson, Keith Dawkins, Bronwen O'Keefe, Tiffany Cumbry, and Matt Rissmiller, with Khadija Bush serving as co-executive producer.

The project is overseen by Sean Boyle on behalf of Roku.

For more information, follow @UNINTERRUPTED on all social platforms.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

The Parchman Band walks the "Str8line" toward rehabilitation; Debut album, book, and documentary out on February 26, 2027...

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"Discovering the revived Parchman Band has given me hope and inspiration to be a part of a unique musical ministry and to see the changes possible inside a place like Parchman, long noted as perhaps the most infamous of prisons," stated Mathus. "It is proof that music - if and where it exists - can foster healing, forgiveness and, yes, redemption."

While some songs touch on the realities of life behind bars, the album's overriding theme is one of faith, hope, and transformation—a direct reflection of the broader human-centered reforms instituted at Parchman under superintendent Marc McClure. In these songs, redemption is not a one-time event but a disciplined, daily practice rooted in personal responsibility. Other tracks reflect on the band members' journey through faith and moral growth since entering Parchman. Collectively, these songs are a poignant roadmap for renewal.

"Parchman has a storied musical history, and through the hard work, dedication, and diligence of these men, the torch that will ensure the survival of Parchman's musical legacy remains lit," stated McClure.

Located in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, Parchman has a deep musical history. Folklorists John and Alan Lomax famously recorded prisoners' songs in the 1930s to 1950s, and prominent blues musicians like Bukka White (composer of "Parchman Farm Blues"), Son House, Mark "Muleman" Massey, and David Kimbrough Jr. spent time incarcerated there. The prison was home to a celebrated blues band from the 1930s to the mid-1990s, when the original group was disbanded.

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In addition to recording their debut album, Music Maker has donated instruments and other gear to the band through the Parchman Community and Culture Foundation. Music Maker has also provided substantial recording equipment to launch an inmate-led recording studio, the first in Parchman's history, which is now underway at the prison. The program gives inmates the opportunity to record themselves and one another, documenting their stories, songs, and music.

Alongside the album, Music Maker also plans to release a book and short documentary film about The Parchman Band. The Parchman Band book includes lyrics to each song, musical notation, band-member biographies, photos and portraits, and the story behind the album's creation. The short documentary film, directed by Ethan Payne, provides an exclusive, intimate behind-the-scenes glimpse of the recording of the album along with interviews with the band members, live footage, and more.

Track Listing:

01) Streets of Memphis
02) Freedom
03) Str8line
04) Let Me Know
05) You and I
06) Love You Out Loud
07) Nostalgia
08) Next to Me
09) Perfect Man

ABOUT MUSIC MAKER FOUNDATION:

For 32 years, Music Maker Foundation has worked to preserve and promote the musical traditions of the American South.

Since 1994, they have partnered with senior roots musicians living in poverty, sustaining their day-to-day needs while building their careers.

Through Music Maker, the rich musical heritage will not be lost with the passing of time. Music Maker has been featured on PBS NewsHour, NPR's Weekend Edition and CBS Evening News and has assisted hundreds of musicians.

Richie Sterban of The Oak Ridge Boys passes at 83

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In 1981 came "Elvira." The Dallas Frazier song, recorded for the album Fancy Free, went to No. 1 on the country chart and No. 5 on the pop chart, sold more than two million copies, was named Single of the Year by both the CMA and the Academy of Country Music, and won the Grammy Award for Best Country Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal. Joe Bonsall sang lead, but the moment audiences waited for was Sterban's booming bass refrain. The group shaped the record as a sing-along for families on the road, imagining mothers on the verses, children on the hook and fathers on the low part, and audiences sang it that way for decades. "It's the song everyone hopes to hear at our concerts," Sterban said on its 40th anniversary.

"Bobbie Sue" (1982) became another No. 1 country hit and reached No. 12 on the pop chart, and "American Made" (1983) became both a No. 1 single and a familiar advertising jingle. Sterban stepped to the front himself on "Dream On," a 1979 remake of a Righteous Brothers song that reached No. 7 on the Billboard country chart and No. 1 in Canada. It was the only Oak Ridge Boys single to feature him on lead vocal. Four of the group's five Grammy Awards came during his years with the Oaks, three of them for gospel recordings, a reminder that the group never left its roots. Sterban remained a constant through every chapter.

Jemyri Davis picks up 2nd Campbell Tyler Rose Award



Jemyri Davis

TYLER, Texas, November 17, 2026 – University of Memphis wide receiver Jemyri Davis was named to the honorable mentions list for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week for a second time this season, the organization announced Tuesday.

Davis, a graduate of Everman High School in Fort Worth, Texas, had a career night in Memphis' 52-41 win over South Florida last Thursday, catching five passes for 161 yards and a touchdown, with the yardage total setting a new career high.

On the season, the redshirt junior leads Memphis in receiving yards and touchdowns with 561 and seven, respectively. His seven receiving touchdowns are good for 28th in the country, while he also ranks 11th in the FBS with an average of 20.04 yards per reception.

Davis' recognition marks the fourth time this season that a Tiger has been recognized for weekly honors for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award, with Davis being an honorable mention twice and Hunter Tipton being selected as the Player of the Week once, along with also being an honorable mention.

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award recognizes the top offensive player in Division I football who also exhibits the enduring characteristics that define Earl Campbell: integrity, performance, teamwork, sportsmanship, drive, community and tenacity: specifically, tenacity to persist and determination to overcome adversity and injury in pursuit of reaching goals.

